

Is That So?

How old is old? A grasshopper that lives six months is an old-timer. A dog, when he lives to be about 12, is about as old as a 70-year man.

By EUGENE BURNS Ranger-Naturalist

toise alone isn't old until he passes 100. As for plants, a sunflower lives only one brief summer. Trees, of course, live to be much older — and the oldest we know, far, far older than the oldest animal is the California redwood, over 4,000 years old.

But old as the redwood, it is mighty young compared to our Rocky Mountains. They are millions of years old. But as mountains go, even these Rockies are young upstarts — millions of years younger than the Appalachians. And, compared to the earth, these Appalachians along our East Coast are infants on account of the earth being, in all probability, at least 3 billion years old.

How big is big? When we want to compare anything that we know to something big, we say: "As big as an elephant." But compared to the blue whale, the elephant is small — about as small as a mouse alongside a giant.



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is, it would merely be a pin-point on the side of a mountain. And a mountain, in turn, wouldn't be much more than a pimple on the side of our earth. And our earth, is so small that if the sun were hollow a million of our earth would not fill it.

But even our sun is tiny because there are stars that are millions of times bigger. And even the biggest of these stars, whose light comes down to our earth, are but a tiny part of our whole universe.

How fast is fast? The fastest human being can step off a mile in four minutes. Race horses are faster. They can gallop a mile in a little more than one and a half minutes. But our fastest birds like the duck hawk can beat that all hollow: they can make up to a mile in 20 seconds.

Automobiles Faster Modern automobiles of course are faster! The fastest racing cars can whip six and a half miles a minute. But beside a fast plane, even these speeds are slow. Today there are jets that can travel faster than sound — and that is 12 miles a minute. Rocket planes go even faster —

NIXON TO TALK IN MANILA

Manila, P.I.—(U.P.)—U. S. Vice President Richard M. Nixon will deliver a speech here on the 10th anniversary celebration of Philippine independence July 4, it was announced today.

They have already sped more than 1,600 miles an hour. But compared to our own earth's speed, this fastest rocket is a slowpoke. Traveling its big circle around the sun, our earth goes more than 18 1/2 miles every second. That means, in one minute, it goes about 1,100 miles.

Can anything be faster? Oh, yes indeed. Light, for one, travels 186,000 miles per second. Want to tell your young folks more about this wonderful world about us? Then read The Golden Book of Science for Boys and Girls by Bertha Morris Parker, beautifully illustrated by Harry McNaught.

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Anti-Nixon Move By Republican Governors Denied

Atlantic City, N. J.—(U.P.)—Gov. Fred Hall of Kansas insisted today that Republican governors had not joined in an "anti-Nixon move" by failing to call for renomination of Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Nixon's name was conspicuously absent in a petition circulated by Hall Tuesday among GOP governors attending the annual conference of governors. All 20 of the Republicans present signed the resolution calling for the renomination and re-election of Mr. Eisenhower.

Final sessions of the conference were scheduled today. Hall told a reporter that the Eisenhower petition was intended "just for the President," who is convalescing from an operation at Walter Reed hospital in Washington.

"There is no reason that we can't send the President a get-well card without it being interpreted as an anti-Nixon move," he said. He said there had been some discussion of including the vice president with other Republicans he consulted but that it was decided to make it for Mr. Eisenhower alone.

Asked if there had been any complaints about excluding Nixon, he said there had not been. He said he endorsed Nixon's renomination in March and would be glad to join in signing a petition for the vice president if any is circulated.

Sen. George Warns Against Weakening Military Strength

Washington—(U.P.)—Sen. Walter F. George warned the Senate today against weakening the free world's military strength and thereby exposing the nation's children to the danger of a future war.

George said "There is a chance that conditions have so changed in the past year that our children may be able to avoid the horrors of another war."

But, the Georgia Democrat added, "They will not be able to avoid the danger" if the Senate, by heavy cuts in foreign military aid spending, begins to "liquidate the military strength of the free world."

The veteran chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations committee expressed his views in a speech prepared for the opening of Senate debate on a bill to authorize a \$4.5 billion foreign aid program.

"In good time we may be able to reduce the size of our military assistance program, but I doubt the wisdom of such a move this year," George said. Full Support Urged He urged that the Senate support the full \$4.5 billion program approved 13-2 by the Foreign Relations group. He said "the good of this nation will not be

Negotiations Resume In Shipyard Dispute

Portland—(U.P.)—Negotiations between the Pacific Coast Metal Trade Council and representatives of some 123 shipyard and repair firms were continuing today in efforts to head off a threatened strike.

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Sutherland Girl Says Kidnaping Story Hoax

Roseburg—(U.P.)—A 12-year old Sutherland girl who touched off a police alarm here last Saturday when she said she had been abducted by a strange man, yesterday admitted that the tale was part of a hoax, police said.

The girl was turned over to Douglas county juvenile authorities after confessing her story that a man grabbed her from in front of her home last Friday night, then sped away with his hand over her mouth, was false.

At the time, the girl told police that the man had released her a few miles from her home, unharmed.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE GIVEN Thomas De Pree, 21, polio victim, by Mrs. Dorothy De Pree (left), his mother and Mrs. Helen Fitzgerald, teacher, after he receives a diploma from Chicago's Senn High School. He has been unable to attend classes since 1943. (International)

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—4-unit, 4,500 watt portable Westex electric heater, 4-mo. old, \$50. One portable 110-volt steam heater, \$5. One trade on older work car. See at Rt. 2, Box 1992, Gregory road, off Table Rock rd., after 2 p.m.

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Table with columns: ADMITTED ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS. Includes items like Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages, Real estate, Cash and bank deposits, etc.

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LEGAL NOTICES NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Sealed bids endorsed "Proposal for the installation of an eight (8) inch Cast Iron Water Main on Fir Street from Monroe Street to Melrose Avenue and on Melrose Avenue from Fir Street to Grape Street, in the City of Medford, Oregon," will be received by the City Council of the City of Medford, Oregon, at the office of the Superintendent of the Board of Water Commissioners, City Hall, Medford, Oregon, until 10:00 A.M. on the Second Day of July, 1956, and will then be publicly opened and read.

The work for which proposals are invited will be paid by Improvement Fund warrants from assessments to be levied upon the property benefited by such work and by Water Commission Warrants as set forth in Section 48 of the "General Provisions". The work includes the following: FURNISHING AND INSTALLING Approximately 1,189 linear feet Trench Excavation and Backfill Approximately 1,105 linear feet 8" Cast Iron Pipe Approximately 84 linear feet 6" Cast Iron Pipe Approximately 3 ea. 8" Gate Valves Approximately 3 ea. Gate Valves Approximately 3 ea. Fire Hydrants Approximately 1,380 lbs. Cast Iron Pipe Fittings Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the Water Commission Office in the City Hall at Medford, Oregon, upon the deposit of \$10.00 Dollars, which sum so deposited will be refunded if said Plans and Specifications are returned in good condition within fifteen (15) days after the opening of bids.

The necessary cast iron pipe, valves and fittings may be purchased from the Board of Water Commissioners at their shop on Fir and Jackson Streets. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals and to accept such proposals as are to the best interest of the City. Dated this 21st day of June, 1956. BY: Robert A. Duff, Superintendent Board of Water Commissioners

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